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page 5, line 8: change "the" to --a--;

line 12: change "a" to --the--;

line 15: after "be" insert --divided--;

page 6, line 2: change "out of" to --from--;

line 3: after "32" insert --is--;

line 5: change "end" to --of its ends--;

line 8: change "in" to --of--;

line 10: change "if desired" to --optionally--;

line 13: after "that" insert --the apex of-- and change "have the same" to --lies at--; and

line 17: change "40" to --10 of Figs. 1 and 2-- and after "is" insert --structured as-- and after "gear" (second occurrence) insert --40--.

In the claims:

Please rewrite claims 1 to 4 as new claim 9 to 12 as follows:

9. (New) A transverse-mounted drive unit for distributing the output of an automotive transmission to first and second axles of a vehicle, comprising:

a housing comprising first and second axially spaced bearings;

a center differential comprising a cage coaxially mounted on the first axle and provided with at least one output member for driving the first axle and a second output member for driving the second axle;

an input gear coaxially coupled to the cage and adapted to be driven by an output gear of the transmission;

first and second bearing members extending axially in opposite directions from the cage, the first bearing member being journaled for rotation in the first bearing;

an axial extension connected to the second output member and protruding from the second bearing member; and